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APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2005

The U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe announces that applications are now available for the 2006-2007 Hubert H. Fellowship Program, which is designed to bring accomplished mid-level professionals to the United States for a year of academic and professional work. The Humphrey Fellowship Program is a non-degree program.

Appropriate candidates are mid-career professionals in leadership positions who have a commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement. Prospective fellows should have a minimum of five years of professional experience prior to August 2006 and should be interested in policies pertaining to their fields of specialization. In addition, prospective fellows must have completed a university degree program requiring at least four years of full-time study in order to qualify for admission to U.S. programs or graduate study and be proficient in both written and spoken English with a minimum score of 525 (paper-based test) or 196 (computer-based test) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Fellowships may be granted to public and private sector candidates with a commitment to public service in the following fields:

Agricultural Development/Agricultural Economic
Communications/Journalism
Drug Abuse education, Treatment and Prevention
Economic Development
Educational Planning and Administration
Finance and Banking
HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention
Human Resource Management
Law and Human Rights
Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Nonproliferation Studies
Public Health Policy and Management
Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration
Teaching of English as a Foreign Language
(Teacher Training or Curriculum Development)
Technology Policy and Management
Trafficking of Persons
Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Policy
Urban and Regional Planning

Persons applying for or holding permanent residence in the United States are not eligible, nor are those holding dual-citizenship between the United States and Tajikistan. Humphrey Fellows enter the United States on an Exchange Visitor (J-1) visa under a Department of State program and are required to return to Tajikistan to live and work for two years following their fellowship.

The application deadline is August 1, 2005. For a full application or more information, please contact Maya Vakhobova at the U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe (10 Pavlova Street) via telephone 210348/50/52; 241560 or e-mail: VakhobovaMK@state.gov.